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Serial No.: 10/626,927

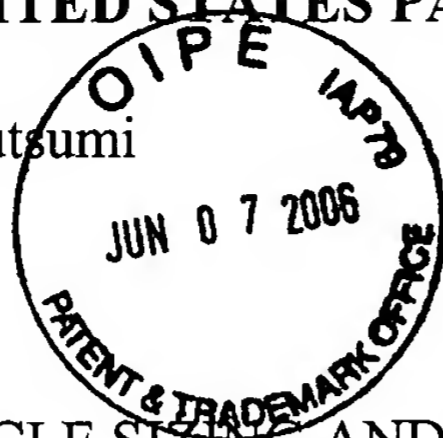
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For: WET FINE PARTICLE SIZING AND SEPARATING APPARATUS

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE "B" UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Claim Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.